

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 633

By Cohen

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Kirk Whalum for his  
meritorious efforts in the battle against racism.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should  
pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have given unselfishly of themselves, their  
time and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, Kirk Whalum is one such estimable citizen deserving of special recognition;  
and

WHEREAS, Kirk Whalum exemplifies the true spirit and dedication that is characteristic  
of a great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, a nationally renowned saxophonist, Kirk Whalum has helped organize the  
Hearts Against Racism and Prejudice Program, or H.A.R.P.; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable and innovative new program strives to heal racism and end  
prejudice through education, music and the media; and

WHEREAS, H.A.R.P. will raise money and issue grants to victims of racism, such as  
burned out churches or synagogues; and

WHEREAS, a major focus of H.A.R.P. will be to educate students through the arts and  
media about the harsh realities of racial prejudice; and

WHEREAS, a native of Memphis, Kirk Whalum is the son of former Memphis City  
Councilman, Reverend Kenneth Whalum, a highly regarded public servant who has also proven  
to be a valuable asset to the community; and

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WHEREAS, throughout his excellent service to the community, Kirk Whalum has adhered to the common sense approach and has displayed the common touch in all endeavors, working well with old and young alike; and

WHEREAS, a concerned person whose willingness to help those in need knows no bounds, Kirk is highly regarded as a professional and friend in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kirk Whalum is the perfect example of a person totally committed to family and the highest ideals of public service and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Kirk Whalum for his outstanding efforts to end racial prejudice and salute his unwavering commitment to equality for all.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.